

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

IN BLUE AND LILAC.

A rather large, bright, dark blue hat is trimmed around the crown with a thick, close wreath of lilacs in the natural lilac color, and looking almost like the real flowers.

AN OLD EMPLOYE.

At an inquest held at Whitechapel, on an elderly woman it was stated that the deceased had been in the employ of one family as a domestic servant for fifty-nine years.

A WOMAN POLITICIAN.

Miss Pauline Hardin, Kentucky's most successful woman politician, is about to be married. She began her political career in 1896, when she took an active part in the money discussion.

CARE OF YOUR LIPS.

If one should use camphor the minute a cold sore is discovered, first wetting the spot with the camphor and then adding the powdered subnitrate of bismuth, so that the cold sore will be covered with paste, it may scatter it, and in any event it will lessen its size. Camphor applied to the lips night and morning will harden the lips. Cold sores eat into the skin and may leave scars that may remain permanently.

The lips should be naturally of a good color if the health of the individual is good. It is vain to resort to artificial means to color the lips. If the circulation is poor the lips will be purple. If the digestion is bad, the lips will be white. If the whole system lacks tone and vigor, the lips will be lacking in color. Therefore, instead of resorting to artificial means to improve the color of the lips, build up the constitution by all the means that make health.

SWEETS FOR THE CHILDREN.

Nearly all children, especially if they be normal, healthy children, crave for sweets. A great many parents without any thought or reason in the matter deny to their children all kinds of sweets. They do this from some preconceived notion that sugar and candy and cakes are bad for the children. Other parents go to the opposite extreme and indulge their children in all sorts of confectionery, from the cheapest to the most expensive, allowing them to eat rich, indigestible cakes, jams, candied fruits, preserves, etc. They both are making a mistake. Children should be allowed to eat sweets—but the proper kind of sweets. Cheap, nasty confectionery should never be given them, neither should they be permitted to have too much jam nor any of that indigestible hodgepodge of stuff that masquerades under the name of cake. Beware of cheap painted candies; they are poisonous. But give the children sweets in the form of pure chocolate, honey and syrup made from fruits. A lump of sugar or a stick of good candy now and then will not hurt them. Let them eat molasses, but be sure it is a good quality. Fruit jellies, if unadulterated, and plain cookies that are not too sweet are good for children. Let the children have sweets. The system craves them. They impart warmth and energy. They nourish and build up the tissues. The best time to give the children sweets is at meal time. Let fruits, jelly, syrup, molasses, honey or cookies form part of each meal and then children will not so often plead for candy and cake. Let the children have sweets. But see to it that they are furnished the proper kind, at the right time and in a sensible quantity.—Medical Talk.

A LITTLE CHINESE HOSTESS.

Miss Whum Min Liang, the sixteen-year-old daughter of the Chinese Ambassador, enjoys the unique distinction of being the first Chinese hostess in Washington society. Little Miss Liang will have high rank in official Washington society. She will be prominent in the set led by Alice Roosevelt.

Miss Liang says: "My main object in coming to this country is to obtain an English education. I am already studying English under the tuition of an American lady. I am anxious to make great progress in the language of this country, so that I can mingle freely with the American girls. Things here seem very strange, of course, but everyone is so kind to me that it is impossible to get very homesick. The young girls especially seem to realize what it means for a Chinese girl to be suddenly transported to a new world. I do not mean to criticize, but there is one thing that I don't understand about American girls, and that is their eagerness to discuss the subject of dress. Almost the day of my arrival in this country questions about the style of dress began to be put to me, as though that

were the most important of all subjects. In my country these things are considered very trivial and only the unlettered women waste time talking of them. As a matter of course, we dress according to the most approved custom and think no more about it. My greatest pleasure is in writing letters to my friends in China" (the gentle art of letter writing is a highly valued accomplishment in Chinese society) "I hear American girls write only 'notes.' In my country all girls of good family spend years studying the classics. There is a text book called 'The Three Hundred Poems,' which every school girl is expected to know by heart. So it will be seen that we devote a great deal of time to literature, and perhaps this tends to give us a taste for letter-writing." From "Affairs at Washington," by Joe Mitchell Chaplin, in National Magazine.



It is better to have good cheer in your heart than a Paris gown on your back.

There is no question but it is wiser to send the elaborate white frock to the cleaner rather than the laundry.

Snake bracelets are shown again, the scales being reproduced, and the flat head set with rubies or emeralds for eyes.

One drawer in the bureau or chiffonier should be devoted to the addenda of her blouses—collars, belts, fichus, etc.

A curious design for a lorgnette handle wrought in Roman gold is that of streaming mermaid tresses, twined and intertwined. The metal shines like truest auburn.

Among the new relishes for the 5 o'clock tea table are saltines covered with cream cheese and a layer of thinly sliced radishes. They need only to be appreciated.

The economical and well-groomed girl will cultivate the acquaintance of boot trees. Another good point in their favor is the ease with which footwear can be cleaned when stretched upon them.

If the point is broken from your very best hatpin don't throw it away; place the pin on a hard surface and rub the end with a nail file, turning the pin so that all sides will be "treated" and you will find the point can be restored equal to new.



The military coat is a favorite. Tails and heads are used extravagantly.

Lavender parasols, white-lace trimmed, have lavender-wooden sticks.

Pin-check taffeta of the softest quality for the summer shirtwaist suit is par excellence.

Wide girdles are a distinct feature of the present styles, and have almost entirely replaced the narrow belt.

With one-tone materials exquisitely tinted flowered ribbons or silk are best for girdles, while rich, solid colors adorn figured fabrics best.

The tendency continues strongly in favor of the flat effects in trimmings and toward the continued use of the sheerest fabrics for undermuslins.

Radium etamine, that shimmering, silvery white shade which is one of the successful summer tints, makes a second frock which is elaborately embroidered almost its entire skirt length.

Belts for girls are made of the old-time bronze leather, which has been used so much for making needle cases, traveling work boxes, and the like, and the girl has domestic appearance in the belt.

Even chiffon and mull are used this summer to create the fashionable wide girdle. These and those of soft ribbon often have floating sash ends, with loops, knots or rosettes at frequent intervals.

The keynote of fashion now is picturesque, and this effect is best carried out in the styles of 1830, with their drooping lines, which are beautiful when well put up and worn by tall, willowy femininity.

Girdles may be shaped according to individual fancy so long as they are kept wide. Some are plain fitted affairs, while many are crushed; some have a point top and bottom in the back, while others have only the point at the top.

Chinese Record of Flood.

According to Chinese annals the earth, in consequence of the extreme wickedness of its inhabitants, was destroyed by a deluge in the reign of Yao, B. C. 2357. This date nearly corresponds with that at which, according to our chronology, the Noahian deluge took place, and many have come to the conclusion that it is identical with the deluge referred to in the Hebrew Scriptures.

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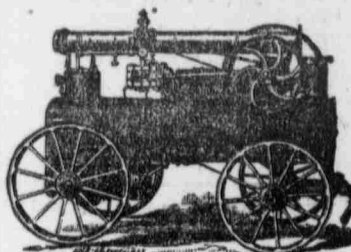
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